

X

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Mount Pisgah Baptist Association,

HELD

WITH PINCKNEY CHURCH,

NEWTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI,

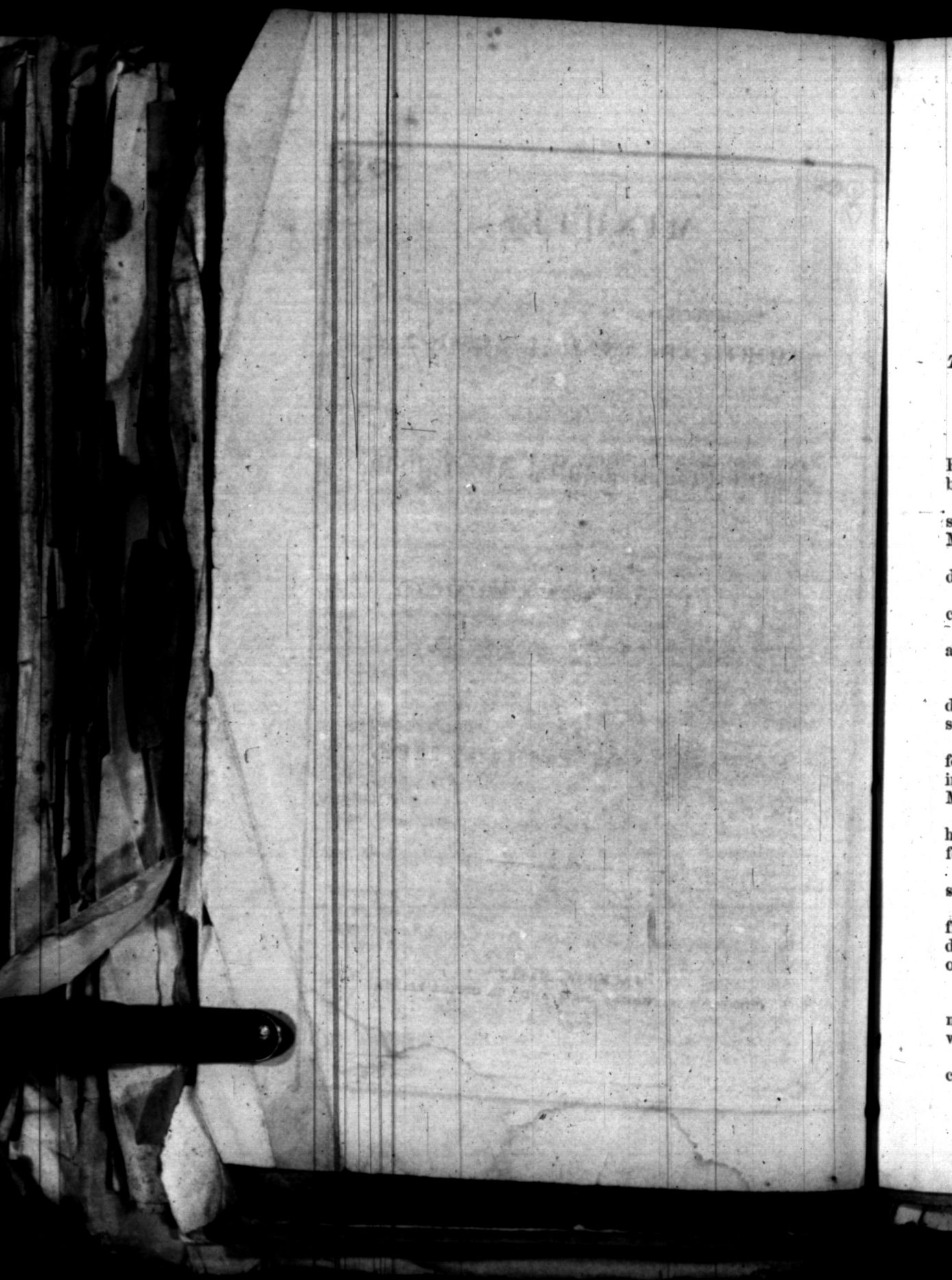
ON

Sept. 15th, 16th and 17th, 1866.

JACKSON, MISS.:·

CHRISTIAN WATCHMAN BOOK AND JOB OFFICE PRINT.

1866.



MINUTES.

Saturday's Proceedings.

The Mount Pisgah Baptist Association met this day at Pinkney Church, Newton County, Miss., in her thirtieth annual meeting pursuant to adjournment.

SATURDAY, Sept. 15th, 1866.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder W. R. Butler, from Matt. 7: 24, 25, 26, 27. Theme: Distinction between nominal and real piety.

After an intermission of half an hour the delegates assembled in the church house and were called to order by the Moderator, Elder N. L. Clarke, who led in prayer.

Elders J. A. Hitt and S. J. Denson were requested to conduct the services at the stand this evening.

Elders S. King and J. L. Lattimore were appointed reading clerks.

Brethren J. M. Trussell, F. Sansing and Thos. Keith were appointed a Committee on Finance.

Elder A. Grissett was appointed assistant clerk.

Letters were read from thirty-four churches—names of delegates enrolled and statistics noted. Shiloh not represented. (See statistical table.)

On motion the Association proceeded to choose her officers for the ensuing year, which was done by acclamation, resulting in the re-election of the former officers, N. L. Clarke, Moderator, W. R. Butler, Clerk, and I. Bailliff, Treasurer.

The Moderator made appropriate remarks before taking his seat, and announced the Association organized and ready for business.

Visiting ministers of our faith and order were invited to seats in the body.

Petitionary letters being called for, a letter was presented from New Providence Church, by the hands of her delegates, desiring admission into this body. Said Church being found orthodox, was duly received. (See table of Church.)

Correspondence from other bodies was called for.

Received from Salem Association a letter and bundle of minutes by the hands of Elder W. West and J. A. Hitt, who were welcomed to seats.

From Bethlehem Association, Elder J. L. Mathews, was cordially received.

Elder S. J. Denson came from the Harmony Association with a letter and was also cordially received as correspondent from that body, and our correspondence, which was discontinued last year, was renewed.

Proceeded to the appointment of the regular Committees:

Committee to Arrange Preaching during this Session: L. P. Murrell, Chairman, E. W. Roebuck, J. M. Pace, A. Pace and H. Dunn, who retired to arrange services for Lord's day.

Committee to Write Letters of Correspondence: Elder A. Clarke, Chairman, A. Grissett, H. Cooper.

Committee on Queries and Requests: A. Eastland, Chairman, W. W. Hardy, S. J. Hitt, S. King, E. E. Haralson.

Committee on State of Religion: W. R. Butler, Chairman, J. M. Finley, J. Herrington, M. B. Kirk, J. Nelson.

Committee on Missions: J. L. Lattimore, Chairman, J. M. Haralson, I. Bailiff, O. F. Breland.

Committee on Sabbath School: H. W. Watson, W. A. Hutson, D. D. Booth.

Committee on Nominations: W. W. Hardy, J. Parker, H. Cooper, B. T. Chapman, J. Pool.

On motion, a special Committee was appointed to take under consideration the queries from Bethel Church, relative to the claims of missions upon us within our own bounds, the best plan of operation &c., and report on the same at a proper time. S. King, H. W. Watson, and L. P. Murrell were appointed on said Committee. On motion, the Moderator was added.

Proceeded to arrange correspondence with other bodies.

Appointed to go to the Salem Association, Elders S. King and J. L. Lattimore.

To Bethel Association, Elder N. L. Clarke and bro. A. Pace.

To Harmony Association, Elders L. P. Murrell and W. A. Hutson.

The Committee on Preaching reported: That Elder J. L. Matthews is appointed to preach at 11 o'clock A. M., on Lord's day; followed in the evening by Elder W. West and Elder N. L. Clarke, to conclude the services.

Resolved, That a public collection be taken up for missions at the close of the morning service on Lord's day.

Adjourned till half-past eight o'clock A. M., Monday.

Benediction by the Moderator.

Sabbath Exercises.

SUNDAY, Sept. 16th, 1866,

The brethren who were appointed to occupy the stand to-day labored as per appointment Bro. Matthews founded a discourse upon John 10: 27, 28; at the close of which a collection was taken up for missions, amounting to \$18 25. Bro. West preached from 2d Cor. 5: 10. From the interest manifested by the people of God and by the congregation, we have great reason to hope that much good will result from this day's services. Bro. Clarke concluded by a short exhortation and prayer.

Monday's Proceedings.

MONDAY, Sept. 17th 8½ o'clock, A. M.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder S. J. Hitt.

The roll was called, the delegates answering in their seats.

On motion, the reading of the rules of decorum was dispensed with for the present.

Committee on Preaching reported: That Elder J. A. Hitt and S. J. Denson were appointed to preach to-day at the stand, in order of their names.

Adopted the former order of business.

On motion of bro. H. W. Watson, it was resolved, That a special Committee be appointed to prepare a report to be made before this body adjourns, upon our relations with the colored people, and our duty to them, as churches.

Brethren H. W. Watson, L. P. Murrell and S. J. Hitt composed said Committee.

Called for reports of Committees.

Committee to Write Letters reported. Report received and adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Committee on Queries and Requests reported. Report received and adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Committee on the State of Religion reported. Report received and adopted. (See Appendix C.)

Committee on Missions reported. Report received and laid on the table until the report of the Special Committee on the Queries from Bethel Church, be heard.

Said report was read and received; and, after impressive remarks from various brethren, the report was adopted. (See Appendix D.)

The Committee on Missions was called from the table and adopted. (See Appendix E.)

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Report received and after interesting remarks from several brethren and some amendment, it was adopted. (See Appendix F.)

Committee on Nominations reported. Report received and adopted. (See Appendix G.)

The Special Committee, to which was referred the spiritual relations &c., of the colored people, made their report, which was received, and after remarks by bro. Watson, adopted. (See Appendix H.)

Committee on Finance reported. Report received and adopted. (See Appendix I.)

The Association having determined to take steps to supply the destitution within her own bounds, it was resolved, That a Board of ten members be appointed to which shall be committed the management of her missionary business during the vacation of the Association. And, that said Board be instructed to operate upon the same plan and be governed by the same organic law that formerly governed this Association in her missionary work—making an annual report, &c.

The Association went into the choice of a missionary to supply the destitution within her bounds. Elder N. L. Clarke was chosen, and allowed until the first meeting of the Board to give an answer.

Resolved, That our missionary be allowed for his services two dollars per day in specie, or its equivalent in currency.

Proceeded to the appointment of representatives to the General Association of Regular Baptists, Southeast Mississippi:

Appointed J. J. Webb, E. W. Roebuck, D. D. Booth, O. F. Breland, W. R. Butler, D. T. Chapman, T. Sessums, T. Keith, A. Clarke, T. T. Thames, J. Parker, W. W. Purvise.

Resolved, That this Association transfer to the General Association all the funds remaining on hand after the expenses of the Association are paid, and, that the Treasurer be instructed to hand over the same to our representatives to that body.

Resolved, That the Committee on Preaching be requested to nominate some one to preach a missionary sermon at our next regular meeting at 11 o'clock, A. M., on Lord's day. After retiring a short time, Committee reported the name of Elder W. R. Butler, to preach said sermon, and Elder S. King alternate. The Association ratified the appointments.

Resolved, That this Association recommend to her mem-

bers, and the denomination generally, the Christian Watchman, as a baptist paper well worthy of, and suitable for their patronage.

Resolved, That we meet next year with Hickory Church, Hickory Station, Mississippi, on Saturday before the third Lord's day in September.

Resolved, That bro. L. P. Murrell be appointed to preach the next introductory sermon, and bro. J. L. Lattimore be his alternate.

Resolved, That the Clerk have these minutes printed—including the form of Associational letter, Abstract of Faith, Gospel Order, Objects and Powers of the Association, and Rules of Decorum—distribute the same—no church being allowed more copies than her money will pay for—reserve a sufficient number for corresponding purposes—receive thirty dollars for his services and call on the Treasurer for the necessary funds.

Resolved, That the heartfelt thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered Pinckney Church and community for their kind hospitality during this meeting.

A motion for adjournment having passed, the brethren united in singing that good old hymn "When I can read my title clear," extending to each other the right hand of brotherly love and fellowship. Bro. Murrell led in prayer, and thus closed the thirtieth annual meeting of the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association in great harmony.

N. L. CLARKE, Moderator.

W. R. BUTLER, Clerk.

NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

N. L. CLARKE, Decatur.	D. D. BOOTH, Beach Springs.
L. P. MURRELL, Lake.	W. A. HUTT, Sabastopol.
W. R. BUTLER, Hillsboro.	O. F. BRELAND, Union.
J. HERRINGTON, Union.	F. M. POOL, Calvert's Store.
A. CLARKE, Lake.	A. GRISSETT, Decatur.
S. KING, Garlandville.	J. L. LATTIMORE, Garlandville.
D. FORE, Lake.	J. WILLIAMS, Pineville.
W. A. HUTSON, Hillsboro.	S. J. HITT, Polkville.
A. WINSTEAD, Union.	J. C. ELLERBE, Battlefield.

LICENTIATES AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

M. B. KIRK, Beach Springs.	L. B. DOVER, Beach Springs.
S. W. CARR, Lake.	W. M. FLANAGAN, Garlandville.
F. SANSING, Union.	J. M. MOORE, Union.

Blank form of Letter for the use of Churches.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, _____ COUNTY. }
 _____ Regular Baptist Church of Christ. }

To Mt. Pisgah Association in Annual meeting for 186- :

DEAR BRETHREN:—We have this day chosen our beloved brethren (here insert the delegates names) to bear you this our letter, and sit with you in your annual meeting for 186- at _____. For all further necessary information we refer you to our statistics below :

Baptized	_____	Total	_____
Received by Letter	_____	Number of Minutes	_____
Restored	_____	Associational purposes	_____
Dismissed by Letter	_____	For Missions	_____
Excluded	_____	Time of Meeting	_____
Dead	_____	Or'd Ministers (Their P. O.)	_____
White Males	_____	Licentiates	“ “ “
White Females	_____	Pastor or supply	“ “ “
Colored	_____		

We are in (here make general remarks as to the condition of the church, &c.

Pray for us. May the Lord be with and bless you.

_____, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

(APPENDIX A.)

COMMITTEE TO WRITE LETTERS.

Letters not ordered to be printed, but sent in manuscript to the bodies with which we correspond.

(APPENDIX. B.)

COMMITTEE ON QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

Your Committee have had the queries from Garlandsville Church under consideration, viz: Is it right for church members to engage in Lotteries, Gift Merchandise stores and the like?

2. Is it right for the advertisements of Lotteries, Gift stores and the like to appear in our religious newspapers?

To the first, we answer, That we are commanded to abstain from every appearance of evil. We are also commanded to come out from the world and be separate from it, and we are bound to believe that the above institutions are worldly, gotten up for the purpose of getting gain on false pretences. We therefore answer it emphatically—No.

The second query we would also answer in the negative. Because it is fostering and promulgating institutions contrary to the spirit of the Gospel. We would also recommend that the request of Hickory Church, for the next meeting of the Association to be held with them, be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

A. EASTLAND, Chairman.

(APPENDIX C.)

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION.

Your Committee report as follows:

That from the information we have received from the letters of the churches composing this body—some of them complain of barrenness, which we suppose results from the neglect of duty. We therefore exhort them to watchfulness, and prayer. But we rejoice to learn that, while some are barren, others have been greatly revived and their numbers increased. And that all of them are in peace and most of them in a healthy and prosperous condition. All the

churches have regular preaching, at least once a month, and we feel that we have reason to thank God and take courage.

W. R. BUTLER, Chairman.

(APPENDIX D.)

COMMITTEE ON QUERIES FROM BETHEL CHURCH:

Your Committee beg leave to report: That we do most heartily approve and endorse the sentiments contained in the preamble to the queries from the said church, relative to the destitution within the bounds of this Association, the striking evidences of the same, the importance of adopting measures to remedy it, &c., and for answer would reply:

1st. That this body has not engaged directly in sending the Gospel to the destitute at home or abroad during the past associational year. Nor has this body been thus directly engaged since the formation of the General Association of southeast Mississippi, but has co-operated with that body in the work of Home missions.

2d. To the second query we answer, that this body has not been engaged in furnishing the Bible to the destitute during the past year, and in this respect as well as in our failure to engage directly in spreading the Gospel among the destitute, we certainly have been delinquent in duty.

3d. To the third query as to future operations, we would suggest that it is the duty of the churches composing this body to furnish the necessary means to sustain at least one missionary of the cross to labor as an evangelist within our bounds, and further, a sufficiency of means to purchase Bibles and tracts to be distributed by him among the destitute as he travels to preach. We feel that to neglect such a work any longer will be criminal.

There is great and pressing destitution. It is high time to awake to duty, and meet truly in the face of God, our solemn obligations.

Too long have many of the churches of this body been idle. Look all around and see how steadily the hosts of Satan are advancing against our Zion. Let us prepare for every assault. Get up and put on the whole armor of God. Engage like true christian men in the mighty work of winning souls to God. We would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That this body appoint a missionary Board of ten members whose duty it shall be, (so soon as the means are provided) to engage the services of one efficient minister, who, as an evangelist, shall preach the Gospel to the destitute within our bounds. The said Board to make an annual report to this body of the work performed during the associational year.

2d. *Resolved*, That it is the duty of the churches composing this body to aid in spreading the Gospel outside of our bounds, at home and abroad; and as channels through which we forward our contributions, will accept the efficient and ready services of our existing organizations to aid us in this great work.

3d. *Resolved*, That so soon as means are furnished the Board shall purchase Bibles and Tracts for distribution among the destitute by our missionary in the field.

Respectfully submitted,

S. KING, Chairman.

(APPENDIX E.)

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS,

Your Committee would report the following:

We learn from the prophet Haggai that the Jews were cursed because they withheld from God that which belonged to him, and dwelt in their ceiled houses, while his temple continued in ruins. May we not now be suffering because we have failed to build up the waste places of Zion in our midst?

We would most sincerely recommend that this Association employ a missionary to labor in her bounds—preaching in destitute portions of the country, visiting the churches, and devoting all his time to the work of an evangelist. We would mention Newton, Lake, Forest and Morton Stations, on the Southern Railroad as very important places for us to occupy. We would also recommend to all the churches in this Association to send their funds for missionary purposes directly to this body.

We have great reason to lament the coldness of our churches on the missionary question, and would request the pastors of the churches to present this subject frequently to their congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. LATTIMORE, Chairman.

(APPENDIX F.)

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee report: That the obligation resting on God's children to train the young and rising generation by Sabbath school instruction remains in all its force.

We are instructed by Divine truth and by the experience of life that if we train up our children in the way they should go, when they become old they will not depart from it. And, on the other hand, our children neglected and permitted to

grow up with hearts and minds uncultivated, their religious training neglected, can we expect them to be anything else but conformed to the world and delighting in the lusts of the flesh, the lusts of the eyes and the pride of life? The Sabbath school offers to our dear children the highest grade of moral training, the pious fireside instruction and the regular pulpit ministrations excepted. During the busy days of the week our children are confined in our day schools, or employed in the secular affairs of life, and family worship, perhaps, hurriedly performed, if performed at all, is all the religious influence that our children are brought under, and left to spend the Sabbath day away from the house of God, away from the teachings of the Bible, away from the admonitions of the pious teacher and the hallowed associations connected with the society of God's children and God's service, we need not be astonished if our dear children, like the thistle, grow up wild, run counter to our wishes, and go to ruin in the end. But the argument has long since been exhausted.

Will we do our duty in this respect or not? That is the question for us to decide. Let us decide it in view of God's dread bar and the judgment day. In view of the question, will our children, who are so dear to us, spend a happy eternity with the redeemed in Heaven, or be cast out into perdition with the Devil and his angels? With prayers, tears and renewed efforts let us address ourselves to this good work. We offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is one of the highest duties of the members of our churches, pastors and people, to establish and sustain a Sabbath school in every church within our bounds, and the neglect of this obligation leaves us guilty of a failure of positive duty in the sight of God.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. WATSON, Chairman.

(APPENDIX G.)

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee report that they have nominated Elder L. P. Murrell to preach the next introductory sermon and Elder J. L. Lattimore his alternate. Also the following brethren as Missionary Board: L. P. Murrell, H. W. Watson, W. R. Butler, S. King, J. L. Lattimore, A. Eastland, I. Bailiff, W. C. Porter, A. Grissett and W. W. Hardy, which appointments were ratified by the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. HARDY, Chairman.

Your
interest
will be
in all
themse
unless
to furn
they w
Reso
colore
does n
the ch
such r
subser
and di

Your
amine
as per
For A
Balanc
Receiv
From
From
Collec

Total

(APPENDIX H.)

COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS OF FREEDMEN.

Your Committee report: That we believe the best spiritual interest of the Freedmen, who are members of our churches, will be best subserved by continuing the subsisting relation in all respects. They are poor and unable to set up for themselves in independent bodies. And further than this, unless they voluntarily withdraw, the obligation rests on us to furnish them with the preached Gospel as we did while they were our slaves. We offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the change in the civil relation of the colored members of our churches, from slaves to Freedmen, does not necessitate any change of their spiritual relations to the churches to which they belong; and that the interest of such members, both for time and eternity would be best subserved by continuing harmoniously their past relations and discipline unchanged.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. WATSON, Chairman

(APPENDIX I.)

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee beg leave to report: That they have examined the Treasurer's Report and find a balance in his hands as per report:

For Associational purposes.....	\$48 97
Balance on hand for Missionary purposes.....	132 50
Received for Associational purposes.....	12 25
From Tallahala Church for Missionary purposes.....	1 00
From a sister for " ".....	18 25
Collection on Lord's Day.....	

Total amount in Treasurer's hands to this date.....\$212 95

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. TRUSSELL, Chairman.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

PREAMBLE.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz :

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity ; in consequence of which, we inherit a fallen and depraved nature ; consequently, the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love : that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world ; that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling, and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and Man—the Man Christ Jesus—who, by the satisfaction he made to the law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath by his most precious blood, become the end of the law for righteousness, to every one that believeth.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and requires all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

1. W
gation
Lord and
Godly
ment.

2. W
giver of
the chu
member

3. W
Gospel
continuu

4. W
Lord's
called
of hand

5. W
believe

6. W
member

7. W
lievers
to the
member

8. W
from
duct, o

GOSPEL ORDER AS AMENDED.

1. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons, who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in brotherly covenant, to keep up a Godly discipline, agreeably to the rules of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Law-giver of his church; that the government is with the body, the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the Church until his second coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by Ministers called of God, and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of regular Baptist Ministers.

5. We believe that immersion, only, is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel, and give themselves as members to the visible Church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion, every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and, therefore, this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any Church which may hold false doctrines, or tolerate immoral practices.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between churches, and remove them, if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can, in difficult matters, when solicited, and, in general, to advance the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem it practicable.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them, or not to support them, according to their own views of duty and dictates of their own conscience; and the right shall never be called in question in this Association. And any motion, whereby this right is called in question, shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence, when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith and order.

5. Ministers of the Gospel, in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn at any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a Treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all moneys which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association may form their own by laws, and regulate their own proceedings in such manner as they may think expedient.

1. The church styled

2. No member the Association

3. The church by their receive deceased total number as the

4. The Treasurer member fill the Association office, offices.

5. In tion, orthodox shall receive of fellow

6. For more, until more.

7. The query meaning

8. For reduced considered mover

9. Minute

10. Two members

11. Shall shall

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the *Mount Pisgah*.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceding associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place; and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incident to those offices.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and, if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more, until her number shall exceed one hundred—three, until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four, and no more.

7. The Association shall neither answer nor debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing, if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association, except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes, unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate, contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast

no reflections on the Association, or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than three times upon the same subject, without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question in debate, the Chair being previously filled. He shall rise from his seat to put the question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association, and if not then decided, the Moderator shall proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the Delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over whenever thought necessary.

20. The Minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rise.

21. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the Minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

These Rules of Order shall be distinctly read by order from the Moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment, at any regular meeting of the Association, by a majority of the Association.

reof,

the

g on

He

t an

ody,

sary

shall

d in

cia-

d to

ator,

ther

tion

the

d, if

fore

d to

ates.

order

s on

n or

by a

READ BY ALL DENOMINATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

THE CHRISTIAN WATCHMAN,

Eld. J. B. HAMBERLIN, Editor,

IS PUBLISHED AT

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

TERMS:

One Year,	\$4 00
Six Months,	2 50
Club of Five Copies,	17 50
Club of Ten Copies,	35 00
Club of 20, or more—Each,	3 00

RATES OF ADVERTISING:

NUMBER OF SQUARES.	1 week....	1 month...	2 months	3 months.	6 months.	1 year.....
One	1.50	5.00	6.00	8.00	12.00	20.00
Two	2.50	6.00	8.00	12.00	20.00	30.00
Three	4.00	8.00	12.00	18.00	25.00	40.00
Four	5.00	10.00	15.00	20.00	30.00	45.00
One-quarter column	8.00	12.00	18.00	25.00	40.00	60.00
Half	12.00	18.00	25.00	40.00	60.00	100.00
Three quarters	18.00	25.00	40.00	60.00	80.00	150.00
One	20.00	40.00	60.00	75.00	100.00	200.00

SPECIAL NOTICE COLUMN LEADED, PER LINE 20 CTS. EACH INSERTION.

Eight lines of ordinary manuscript constitute a square.
No charge will be made for editorial notices of new advertisements unless specially contracted for.
Obituary notices inserted at the rates of regular advertisements.
Funeral and marriage notices inserted without charge.
Legal notices inserted at the usual rates, to be paid for when proof of publication is made.
All letters on business should be addressed,

AKIN & KIMBALL,

JACKSON, MISS.

Exchanges will please direct, until further notice, to "Watchman," Meridian, Miss., as the Editor, Eld. J. B. HAMBERLIN. resides there.

NEATLY AND PROMPTLY EXECUTED IN OUR JOB OFFICE.

THE CHRISTIAN WATCHMAN IS A BAPTIST PAPER, BUT IS TAKEN AND

EVERY VARIETY OF PRINTING, PLAIN, ORNAMENTAL AND COLORED.

MOUN

HI

Septe

CH

MINUTES.

OF THE

Eighty-First Annual Meeting

OF THE

MOUNT PISGAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

HICKORY CHURCH,

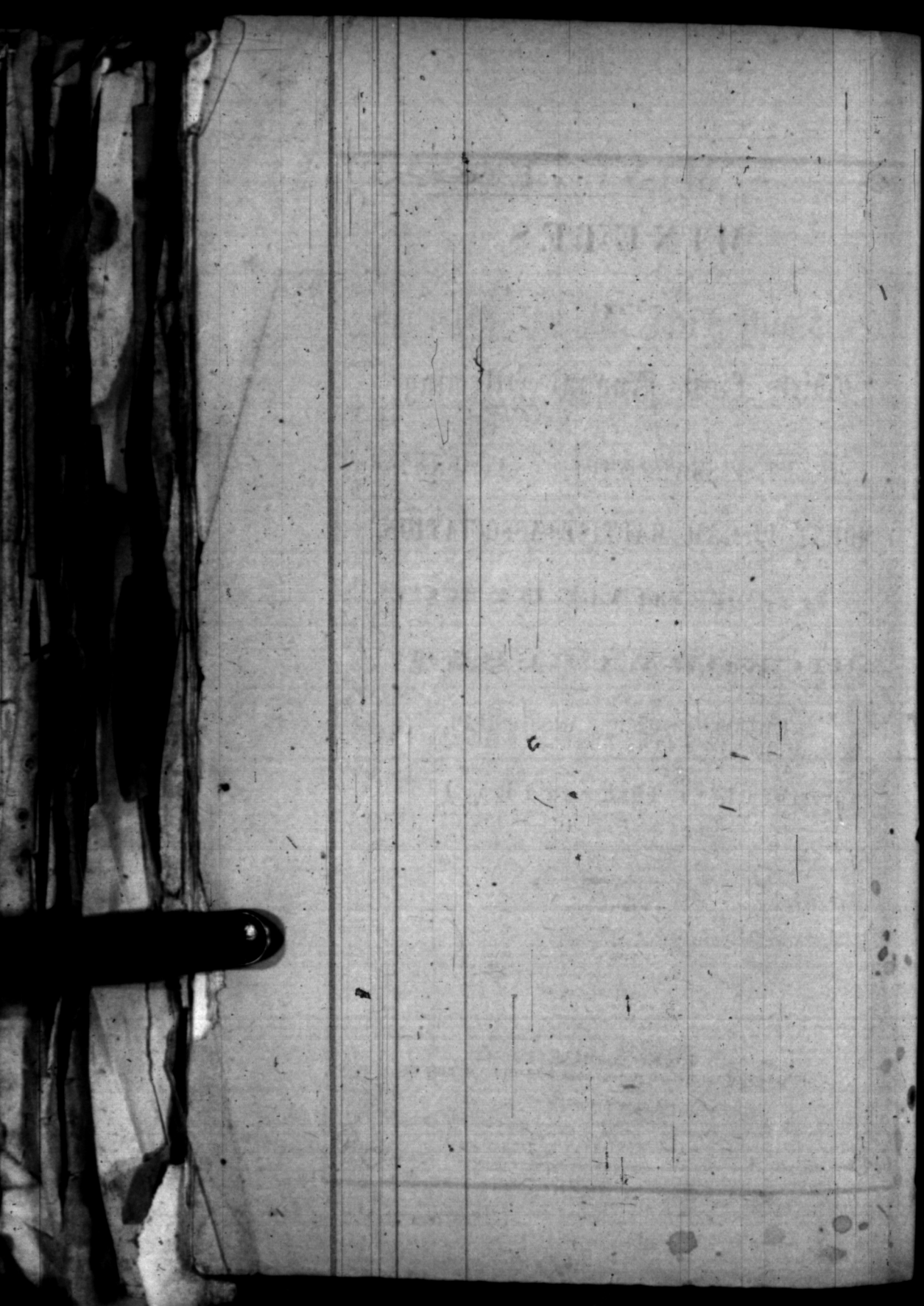
NEWTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI,

September 14th, 15th and 16th, 1867.

JACKSON, MISS.:

CHRISTIAN WATCHMAN BOOK AND JOB OFFICE PRINT.

1867.



©

MO

H

Se

C

MINUTES.

OF THE

Eighty-First Annual Meeting

OF THE

MOUNT PISGAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

HICKORY CHURCH,

NEWTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI,

September 14th, 15th and 16th, 1867.

JACKSON, MISS.:

CHRISTIAN WATCHMAN BOOK AND JOB OFFICE PRINT.

1867.

S
*The A
met
her t
ment*

The c
were a
by Eld
discour
word."

After
Acader
Elder M
Bret

were a

The
on Fin

J. O. C

Elder

Elder

the sta

Lett

gates'

Zion

represe

statisti

The

which

clamat

N. I

W. I

I. B.

MINUTES.

SATURDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, Sept. 14, 1867.

The MT. PISGAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met with HICKORY CHURCH, Newton County, Miss., in her thirty-first annual meeting, pursuant to adjournment.

The delegates, together with a large congregation, were addressed at the stand prepared for the occasion, by Elder L. P. MURRELL, who delivered the Introductory discourse from 2d Tim. 4th ch. 2d v.:—"Preach the word."

After an intermission the delegates assembled in the Academy, and were called to order by the Moderator, Elder N. L. CLARKE, who led in prayer.

Brethren J. L. LATTIMORE, S. KING and A. EASTLAND were appointed to read letters.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee on Finance: J. L. GRESHAM, Chairman, J. F. SIMS and J. O. CARR.

Elder A. GRISSETT was appointed assistant Clerk.

Elder J. M. McCALISTER was requested to preach at the stand this evening.

Letters were read from thirty-four churches. Delegates' names enrolled and statistics minuted.

Zion, Komper county, and Shiloh, Smith county, not represented. Siloam, Newton county, dissolved. (See statistical table.)

The Association proceeded to the election of officers, which on motion of bro. H. W. WATSON, was done by acclamation. The same officers were chosen, viz:

N. L. CLARKE, Moderator.

W. R. BUTLER, Clerk.

I. BAILIFF, Treasurer.

The Moderator made appropriate remarks and announced the body organized and ready for business.

Visiting Ministers of our faith and order were invited to seats in the Association.

The way was opened for the admission of new churches. The following churches sent petitionary letters by their delegates:—Forest, Scott county; Lake, Scott county; Rocky Creek, Scott county and Good Hope, Neshoba county. Said churches being found orthodox, were received in due form. (See table of churches.)

Correspondence from other bodies was called for.

Rethren A. ULMER and W. SANDERS were received, with a package of minutes from Salem Association, and welcomed to seats.

The regular Committees were appointed as follows:

ON PREACHING.—A. F. Temples, Chairman, J. M. Pace, H. Dunn, F. Sansing and L. B. Wilkins, who retired to arrange services for Lord's day.

TO WRITE LETTERS.—A. Clarke, Chairman, A. Grissett and H. Cooper.

ON QUERIES AND REQUESTS.—A. Eastland, Chairman, L. P. Murrell, J. Canada, I. Bailiff, W. A. Hutson, J. Herrington and J. P. Brewer.

ON MISSIONS.—H. W. Watson, Chairman, D. Fore, S. King, W. W. Hardy and V. L. Murphy.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.—J. L. Lattimore, Chair'n, J. L. Cresham and B. Sims.

ON STATE OF RELIGION.—W. R. Butler, Chair'n, E. E. Chapman, F. S. Smith, W. A. Hutto, J. S. Thomas and J. M. McCalister.

ON NOMINATIONS.—J. G. Hicks, Ch'n, W. W. Hardy, F. Sansing, E. W. Norwood, M. B. Kirk, H. Dunn and H. Cooper.

Arranged Correspondence with other bodies as follows:

Appointed to go to Salem Association, Elder N. L. Clarke and bro. J. O. Carr.

To Bethlehem Association, Elder N. L. Clarke and bro. I. Bailiff.

To Harmony Association, Elder W. R. Butler and bro. A. Eastland.

On motion of bro. Watson,

Resolved, That we send a correspondence to the Bap-

tist Stat
as exp
rious
King, B
receive

The C
R. Butl
on Miss
tion las

Elder
quest—

The
made th

Adjo
rator.

The
with by
preach
lection
to \$22
vs. A
in the
and we
day's l

tist State Convention to meet at Meridian in May next, as expressive of our sympathy with that body in its various praiseworthy objects. Elders N. L. Clarke, S. King, B. Sims, J. L. Lattimore and bro. H. W. Watson received the appointment.

The Committee on Preaching reported that Elder W. R. Butler is appointed to preach at 11 o'clock to-morrow on Missions, according to appointment of the Association last year.

Elder N. L. Clarke to preach in the evening—by request—the funeral of sister Furguson.

The report of the Board of Managers was read and made the special order for Monday at 8½ o'clock, A. M.

Adjourned to that hour. Benediction by the Moderator.

Sabbath Exercises.

SUNDAY, Sept. 15, 1867.

The arrangement for services to-day was complied with by the brethren appointed to preach. Bro. Butler preached from Rom. 1st ch. 16th v. After which a collection for Domestic Missions was taken up, amounting to \$22 40. Bro. Clarke from Jno. 17th ch. 9th and 20th vs. At the close a good deal of interest was manifested in the congregation. Many came forward for prayer, and we trust that lasting good will be the result of this day's labor.

MONDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

MONDAY, Sept, 16, 1867, 8½ o'clk, A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, Bro Breland led in prayer.

The roll was called.

The Rules of Decorum were read.

The special order from Saturday was called from the table. The report was re-read and received, and after being amended by instructing the Clerk to incorporate into the report of the Board of Managers the several amounts sent up by the churches for Missions to the various meetings of the Board the past Associational year, the report was adopted. (See appendix A.)

The Committee on preaching reported that Elders W. A. Hutson and J. L. Matthews were appointed to preach at the stand to-day.

The former order of Business was adopted.

Reports of Committees were called for.

The Committee to write letters reported. Report adopted and letters of correspondence given to our Messengers to other bodies. (See appendix B.)

The Committee on State of Religion reported. Report adopted. (See appendix C.)

The Committee on Missions reported. The report was received and after considerable discussion, was laid on the table until the report of Committee on Queries and Requests could be called up and acted upon. Said report was adopted. (See appendix D.)

The report on Missions was called from the table and adopted. (See appendix E.)

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Report adopted. (See appendix F.)

The Committee on Nominations reported. Report adopted.

Resolved, That the Nominating Committee be instructed to designate some brother to preach a sermon on Missions at the next meeting of this body on Lord's day, and that it be the settled policy of this Association in the future, to have such a sermon delivered annually on Lord's day; and that said Committee make such ap-

pointm

(See

The

H.)

Proc

L. Cla

to tra

titute

for his

alent

Res

and di

copies

reserv

receiv

Treas

Res

are ho

for th

meeti

Re

MAN, a

to the

gener

suitab

Re

preac

be hi

Re

lar se

and E

Re

Rand

west

Lord

Ad

ed.

Th

in tol

the t

TIST

W

pointment, subject to the approval of the Association.

(See appendix G.)

The Committee on Finance reported. (See appendix H.)

Proceeded to the election of a Missionary. Elder N. L. Clarke was chosen, and accepted of the appointment to travel and labor one-half of his time among the destitute in the bounds of the Association, and be allowed for his services two dollars per day in gold, or its equivalent in currency.

Resolved, That the Clerk have these Minutes printed and distribute them; allowing no church to have more copies than her money sent to this meeting will pay for; reserve a sufficient number for corresponding purposes, receive thirty dollars for his services and draw on the Treasurer for the necessary funds.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to Hickory Church and community for the kindness and hospitality manifested during this meeting.

Resolved, That we recommend the CHRISTIAN WATCHMAN, a religious newspaper published at Jackson, Miss., to the members of this body and to the denomination generally as a Baptist paper every way worthy of and suitable for their support.

Resolved, That Elder J. L. Lattimore be appointed to preach the next introductory sermon and Elder S. King be his alternate.

Resolved, That Elder N. L. Clarke preach the regular sermon on Missions at the next meeting of this body, and Elder L. P. Murrell be his alternate.

Resolved, That this Association meet next year with Randall Hill Church, Jasper County, Miss., six miles west of Garlandville, on Saturday before the third Lord's day in September.

Adjourned to meet at the time and place above named.

The brethren sung a hymn, gave each other the hand in token of brotherly love, and thus closed harmoniously the thirty-first annual meeting of the MT. PISGAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

N. L. CLARKE, Moderator.

W. R. BUTLER, Clerk.

A. WINSTEAD, Union.
W. A. HUTTO, Dixon.
O. F. BRELAND, Union.
F. M. POOLE, Union.
A. GRISSETT, Decatur.
J. L. LATTIMORE, Hickory.
J. WILLIAMS, Pineville.
J. C. ELLERBE, Battlefield.

You
We fe
make
courag
the M
enter
and h
servic
ly hel
which
It w
Succ
see th
vor an
has be
ceive
Not
and S
beyon
about
preac
at La
vived
repor
sons,
Bes
exhor
churc
or les
woul
churc
occu
ed.
thank
energ

30
240
2240

APPENDIX.

(APPENDIX A.)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Your Board beg leave to make the following report: We feel thankful to our Heavenly Father to be able to make a report which, we think, will be cheering and encouraging to the Association and to all the friends of the Misoion cause. Your Missionary, Elder N. L. Clarke, entered upon the work assigned him in January last, and has since that time spent much of his time in your service. The meetings of the Board have been regularly held in connection with the fifth Sundays, at all of which your Missionary was present, made his reports, &c.

It will appear from the report of his labors that Divine Success has attended his efforts. And surely we can see that this cause bears the impress of the Divine favor and approbation. Wherever our beloved brother has been in this field of labor he has been kindly received and his labors duly appreciated.

Notwithstanding the very unfavorable past winter and Spring, together with other adverse circumstances beyond the control of your Missionary, he has traveled about two thousand miles; spent 130 days in the work; preached 158 sermons; constituted three churches—one at Lake, one at Forest, and one near Morton. Also revived Hopewell church in Scott county, which had been reported for years as dissolved, baptized thirty six persons, and received by letter twenty.

Besides the above, much has been done in the way of exhortations, conversations, prayers, &c. Several churches have also been supplied with preaching, more or less of the time, by your Missionary, which otherwise would have been left destitute; and in some of those churches refreshings almost strangely interesting have occurred, when we consider the amount of labor bestowed. Upon the whole, have we not great reason to rejoice, thank God and take courrage; and with renewed zeal and energy continue this glorious work? While we should

be devoutly thankful for what has been done for the cause of our blessed Redeemer in this field of labor the past year, may we not regard this as an earnest of what may be done in the future under God's blessing? Needy and interesting destitution is still reported within our bounds. We would, therefore, recommend to the Association to continue her Missionary operations.

The following amounts have been received at the several meetings of the Board during the past Association year. At the meeting at Pleasant Hill Church:

Line Creek Church		\$15 00—1 00 silver.
New Prospect	" Scott,	4 20
Decatur	"	19 75—1 00 "
Union	"	7 00—1 00 "
Enon	"	1 00
Pleasant Hill	"	36 05—0 75 "
Bethel	"	6 75—0 50 "
Good Hope	"	4 50
Poplar Springs	"	1 25
A Sister		70

\$96 20 \$4 25 "

At the meeting at Newton:

Forest church		3 00
Mrs. Steel		1 00
Garlandville church		5 50
Bethel	"	3 50

Total, ... \$109 20 \$4 25

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. RUTLER, Sec'y.

(APPENDIX B.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO WRITE LETTERS.

Letters given to our correspondents to other bodies.

You
the re
posin
durin
Holy
numb
of spi
but a
go on
our p
awak
best
condi
peace
see t
peace
praye
all it

Y
from
Assoc
a Mi
reply
cil, c
in th
Cons
does
sons
bers
Miss
In
the
righ
adul
band

(APPENDIX C.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION.

Your Committee would report, That it appears from the reading of the letters sent up by the churches composing this body, that some of them have been blessed during the past year with a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the reviving of God's people and a goodly number of additions to membership. Others complain of spiritual barrenness, and others still speak of coldness, but as being at peace. To the first class we would say, go on in the good work; to the second we say, you have our prayers, but would admonish you of the necessity of awaking up to earnest prayer and christian effort, as the best means of relief; to the third, we would say; your condition seems to be a deplorable one—cold, but at peace. Alas! that it should be so. Awake to duty, and see to it, that your peace becomes an *active, living* peace, such as the Savior promised his people; and our prayer is, that you may soon experience that peace in all its divine fullness. Submitted,

W. R. BUTLER, Ch'n.

(APPENDIX D.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

Your Committee report, That in answer to the query from Union Church in the following words:—"Has the Association as an advisory council the right to send out a Missionary in the bounds of the Association?" would reply that the Association, simply as an advisory council, does not claim such power. But as an Association in the just exercise of its powers, as conferred in its Constitution in Article 2, clearly has such power, but does not claim the power of binding any person or persons, or any church, or churches, as constituent members of this body to contribute to the support of such Missionary, leaving that to their free choice.

In answer to the query from Bluff Springs Church in the following words: "Has not a man or a woman a right to put away his or her companion for the crime of adultery, and marry again?" would answer, That a husband or wife aggrieved as stated in the foregoing query,

upon applying to the Constitutional tribunal, and that tribunal adjudging upon proof that the party complaining is entitled to the relief sought, and shall sever the contract of marriage existing between the parties, then the party thus relieved has the right to contract marriage again.

For proof see Matthew 5 ch. 31-32v and 19 ch. 3-9v.

In regard to the query from Pleasant Hill Church in relation to the colored race, you are referred to Appendix H in the minutes of last year. But the whole question is referred to the respective churches, to do as they may deem best under the Providence of God.

As to the requests of the several churches for the next meeting of the Association to be held with them, we recommend that the request of Randall Hill Church be granted.

Submitted, A. EASTLAND, Ch'n.

(APPENDIX E.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee beg leave to report that sympathy emphatically belongs to the Gospel of Christ. Its true spirit breathes that, and says, "rejoice with those that do rejoice, and weep with those that weep." "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love." "Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them." "In meekness instructing those who oppose themselves, if God peradventure will give them repentance unto life." When we look at the Savior we sympathize with all his actions and works. When he said to the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd, then said he unto his disciples: "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few, pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." When he beheld the city he wept over it, saying, "If thou hadst known, even thou at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace." Such is the character of the son of God, and such his Gospel. "Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his." In looking over the family of man we see multitudes who are ignorant of the "true God

and Je
time, l
world
we ind
and ob
will ke

The
every
terest,
perish
as hav
law."
shed a
ergy r
seal of
Missio
most s
gates
er pre
Savior
ing up
every
with t
tality
such a
say to
thou h
thee r
Lord."
of God
Clarke
ing re

Ree
bor as
the n
earne
mean

and Jesus Christ whom he has sent," and at the same time, hear the King in Zion say, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Shall we indulge in the sympathy of the blessed Redeemer and obey his dying commands, "If any man love me he will keep my words."

The condition of man, dead in trespasses and sins, everywhere calls for the exercise of our tenderest interest, our prayers and alms in their behalf. They are perishing, for the word of God declares, that "as many as have sinned without law, shall also perish without law." With the word of God in our hands and his love shed abroad in our hearts, let us with true Christian energy run and bear the good news far and wide. The seal of approval placed by our Heavenly Father on Missionary efforts, at home and abroad, must satisfy the most skeptical that it is his own work, against which the gates of hell, the malice or opposition of man shall never prevail. Many have been taught and embraced the Savior, have found eternal life, and many are yet sending up the cry "Come over and help us!" Therefore let every disciple of our Lord come up to this good work with the bleeding Savior on the cross, and the immortality and worth of the soul fully in view, and act in such a manner that the Judge at the last great day may say to all of us "Well done good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things—enter into the joy of thy Lord." In conclusion, in view of the manifest approval of God on the labors of our Missionary, Elder N. L. Clarke, in the bounds of our body, we offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That this body appoint a Missionary to labor as an evangelist among the destitute in our bounds the next Associational year, and that the churches be earnestly requested to proceed to raise the necessary means to support him.

Submitted,

H. W. WATSON, Ch'n.

(APPENDIX F.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee report: That we regard it to be the duty of God's people to make use of every lawful means to disseminate the truths of the Bible, and bring them before the people in such a way as to make lasting impressions. Knowing that impressions made early in life are more indelibly fixed upon the mind, than those made in after years, we feel it to be the duty of every Christian parent to direct the young and tender minds of his children to those things which pertain to their existence beyond the grave, before the cares of life are so many that the truths of the Gospel find no lodging place. The earlier this can be done the earlier will we have the pleasure of seeing them turning to Christ. The young must and will be occupied in some way on the Sabbath. How important it is for us to devise some plan by which they may be usefully employed on that day which God has commanded us to keep holy.

Knowing the great neglect on the part of some parents in conversing with their children on the subject of religion, we would recommend the establishment of a Sabbath School in every church, where not only the youths, but the older persons of the community may come and study the Bible. What is more interesting than to see a school where the only text-book used is the one which God has given to man as his chart in a world of ignorance—as a light in the midst of moral darkness? We are glad to report that some of our churches have established Sabbath Schools in their midst, since our last meeting, while we regret that others are still lax in their efforts on this important subject.

We would recommend that the pastors of churches where there are no Sabbath Schools, organize Bible Classes in such churches and congregations, and spend one hour with them before preaching, and in this way try to awaken more interest on the subject of Sabbath Schools. We recommend that each church having a Sabbath School be requested to report the number of pupils, teachers and books to this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. LATTIMORE, Ch'n.

Your
Elder J
Sermon
L. Clar
Elder I
Manag
Butler;
W. Wa
Eastlan

Your
Treasu
urer of
1867.
He l

By am

Sept. 1

All

*W
from a
claded
on the
might
scanet

(APPENDIX G.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee report: That they have nominated Elder J. L. Lattimore to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Elder S. King as alternate. Also Elder N. L. Clarke to preach the next sermon on Missions, and Elder L. P. Murrell his alternate. And for Board of Managers the following brethren: N. L. Clarke, W. R. Butler, I. Bailiff, members ex-officio—L. P. Murrell, H. W. Watson, S. King, J. L. Lattimore, W. A. Hutson, A. Eastland, J. E. Trayler, F. Sansing and W. W. Hardy.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. HICKS, Ch'n.

(APPENDIX H.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee report, That we have examined the Treasurer's report and find a balance in favor of Treasurer of \$15 00.

1867.

He has received up to Sept. 16, in currency \$145 00

Dr.

Cr.

By am't pd Eld. N. L. Clarke missionary labor \$145 00

Dr.

Sept. 16. am't rec'd Asso'nal purposes..... \$127 00

" " " Missions..... 185 75

" coll'd Lord's day, for missions..... 22 40

" from Henry Myers " in gold..... 20 00

Premium on gold..... 6 00

Total in currency*..... \$361 15

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. L. GRESHAM, Ch'n.

*With the above a neat little Testament was received from a lady of Hillsboro' with a bill of money in it (included in the above calculation) with a prayer written on the inside of the back—that whoever received it might read it and believe it. God bless the donor and sanctify the gift! May others imitate the example.

CLERK.

Statistical Summary of the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, for the year 1867.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICE	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	White Males	White Females	Colored.	TOTAL.	No. Minutes	Association Fund.	Mission Fund.	Time of Meeting.	Ordained Ministers.	Licentiate.	PASTOR OR SUPPLY.
Hillsboro' Union	Scott	Hillsboro'	W. R. Butler, J. P. Brewer				15			14	33	5	52	20	\$3 00	\$8 00	4	1		W. R. Butler
New Prospect	"	Forest	H. Dunn, J. Canada	8	2	1	2	2	1	33	41	6	80	25	3 00	4 00	2			W. R. Butler
Ebenezer	Neshoba	Beech Springs	T. H. Sterling				5	1	1	6	11	5	22	15	4 00		4			W. A. Hutson
Sardia	Scott	Sebastopol	J. Harrington, M. B. Kirk	6	1		4	4	2	19	31	12	62	20	2 00	2 50	2	1		D. D. Booth
Enon	Neshoba	Union	W. A. Hutto	2	4	1	7		2	27	27	6	60	20	3 00	12 50	1	1		W. A. Hutto
Sulphur Springs	Scott	Demascus	O. F. Breland, F. Clarke				3	4	1	8	13		21	10	1 00	2 45	2	1		O. F. Breland
Pleasant Hill	Newton	Lake	A. G. Pettey, J. B. Chester	15	4	2	5			12	25	4	41	15	4 00	5 15	3			W. A. Hutson
Zion	Kemper	Calvert's Store	L. P. Murrell, A. Clarke, J. M. Pace	34	14	3	14	2	2	76	109	26	211	50	8 00	15 50	1	2	1	L. P. Murrell
Tallahatta	Newton	Battlefield	Not represented.																	
Beulah	"	Decatur	J. M. McCalister, J. Pool	1	7		3			8	14	1	23	15	3 00	1 50	1	1		J. M. McCalister
Decatur	"	"	A. Grissett, A. Chany	22	5		11			27	51	6	84	30	3 00		4	1		A. Grissett
Poplar Springs	"	Newton	N. L. Clarke, I. Bailiff, H. Cooper, T. Keith	19	5	3	5	1	8	49	87	59	195	50	10 00	24 45	1	1		N. L. Clarke
Pine Ridge	"	Lake	P. S. McCormick	6	1	1	6		1	18	38	4	60	15	3 00	2 15	1			J. L. Lattimore
Bethel	"	Newton	D. Fore, H. Robinson	4	6		8			12	17	3	32	15	2 00	1 10	2	1		L. P. Murrell
Tallahala	Scott	Lake	H. Watson, J. G. Hicks, E. E. Chapman, W. L. Kelly	30	9	4	7	5	3	43	73	66	182	25	6 00	16 00	13			S. King
Garlandville	Jasper	Garlandville	W. A. Pinkston				17	2		7	14	1	22	18	2 00		3	1		J. Williams
Good Hope	Newton	Buckley's Stores	S. King, J. L. Lattimore, W. W. Hardy	15	11	1	10	3	1	21	25	70	116	25	3 00		4	2	2	S. King
Mt. Pisgah	Jasper	Moss Hill	J. B. Ishe, J. K. Horne	6	3					26	31		57	25	3 25		2			W. Tullis
Randall Hill	Jasper	Garlandville	J. E. Trayler, J. A. Denham	19	3		2	1		24	33	3	60	15	3 00	5 00	4			J. Williams
Leaf River	Smith		J. N. Watts S. Winders	2	12	2	4	2		15	20	3	38	20	3 00	9 75	4	1		N. L. Clarke
Line Creek	Scott	Morton	J. O. Carr, W. G. Lancaster				7	6		18	33	8	59	10	2 25		3			J. A. Hitt
Mt. Carmel	Smith	Homewood	W. A. Hutson, E. W. Norwood	3	6		11	1	1	12	23	1	36	20	6 00	9 00	1	1		W. A. Hutson
Hickory	Newton	Hickory	B. B. Bowling	4	3		3	1		28	35	7	70	25	3 50		2			S. J. Hitt
County Line	Neshoba	Union	A. F. Temples, J. F. Stephens			5			3	8	15		23	12	2 50	3 00	3			J. L. Matthews
Pinekey	Newton	"	F. Sansing, A. W. W. Grafton	2	4		1	1		15	35	1	51	20	2 75	3 00	1	2		A. Winstead
Shiloh	Smith	Trenton	F. S. Smith, J. J. Webb	4	1		3	2		13	20	2	35	20	5 00	0 50	4			L. P. Murrell
Fellowship	Lauderdale	Meridian	Not represented.																	
Bluff Springs	Neshoba	Union	V. L. Murphy, E. S. Stephens	23	1	2	14		1	42	43	39	124	30	5 50		2			A. Winstead
Herbert	"	Herbert	J. Herrington				9	1		9	21		30	20			4	2	1	A. Winstead
Center Hill	"	Philidelphia	D. C. Keen, J. S. Thomas	17	2	2	3	2	2	24	44	4	72	20	2 00		4			O. F. Breland
Homewood	Scott	Homewood	J. F. Sims			1				14	24		38	15	1 50		3			
Liberty	Newton	Chunky	B. Sims	1	13		2			10	9	6	25	12	2 50	10 00	1	1		W. R. Butler
New Prospect	"	Sebastopol	D. Dove	15	1		3	1	2	18	27		45	10	1 25		3	1		A. Grissett
New Providence	Neshoba	Laurel Hill	B. S. Ponder	1	7		6			10	18	8	36	15	2 00		4			A. Clarke
Hopewell*	Scott	Forest	W. B. Brantly, J. C. McBeth	1	3		7			12	25		37	15	4 00	7 75	4	1	1	P. F. Morehead
NEW CHURCHES.			Letter	4	7								10	1 50						Missionary
Forest	Scott	Forest	A. Eastland, J. L. Gresham		1					9	8		17	15	3 00	22 00	4			W. R. Butler
Lake	"	Lake	L. B. Wilkins, T. J. Smith	25	3		1			5	6	25	36	10	2 00	15 00				Missionary
Rocky Creek	"	Morton	M. Gorden, J. D. Williams	7	6	1	1						26	15	3 00		2			W. A. Hutson
Good Hope	Neshoba		J. Harrison, J. G. Fox	12	7		9	4	2	24	26	4	54	20	5 00		2			J. L. Lattimore
				308					31	716	1105	385	2206	712	12450	18030				

*Hopewell is an old Church revived.

†By comparing the above amounts with the Treasurer's report a discrepancy appears, and I do not know what church or churches to credit the difference to. It no doubt arises from an omission in some of the letters to the Association in which every item should be plainly specified, to enable the Clerk to make the table perfect.

READ BY ALL DENOMINATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

THE
CHRISTIAN WATCHMAN,
WHITFIELD & WARD, Publishers.

IS PUBLISHED AT
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

TERMS:

One Year, ...	\$4 00
Six Months, ...	2 50
Club of Five Copies, ...	17 50
Club of Ten Copies, ...	35 00
Club of 20, or more—Each, ...	3 00

RATES OF ADVERTISING:

NUMBER OF SQUARES.	week.....	1 month..	2 months,	3 months.	6 months.	1 year.....
One.....	1.50	4.00	6.00	8.00	12.00	15.00
Two.....	2.00	6.00	9.00	12.00	15.00	25.00
Three.....	2.50	8.00	12.00	16.00	25.00	35.00
Four.....	3.00	10.00	15.00	20.00	30.00	45.00
One-quarter column.....	3.50	12.00	18.00	24.00	36.00	54.00
Half.....	7.00	24.00	36.00	48.00	72.00	100.00
Three quarters.....	11.00	36.00	54.00	72.00	108.00	150.00
One.....	14.00	48.00	72.00	96.00	144.00	200.00

SPECIAL NOTICE COLUMN LEADED, PER LINE 20 CTS. EACH INSERTION.

Eight lines of ordinary manuscript constitute a square.
No charge will be made for editorial notices of new advertisements unless specially contracted for.
Obituary notices inserted at the rates of regular advertisements.
Funeral and marriage notices inserted without charge.
Legal notices inserted at the usual rates, to be paid for when proof of publication is made.
All letters on business should be addressed,

WHITFIELD & WARD.
JACKSON, MISS.

BOOK and JOB PRINTING of every description
executed with neatness and dispatch.

NEATLY AND PROMPTLY EXECUTED IN OUR JOB OFFICE.

THE CHRISTIAN WATCHMAN IS A BAPTIST PAPER, BUT IS TAKEN AND

EVERY VARIETY OF PRINTING, PLAIN, ORNAMENTAL AND COLORED.